

## Departments train together to save lives

**Three local rescue  
teams work to learn each  
others' techniques.**

By JO2 (SW) Brian Johnson

*Staff writer*

Recently, three Sigonella area fire departments came together to practice their skills extracting people trapped in automobiles.

Sigonella fire departments from the U.S. Navy, Italian Air Force and the Vigili del Fuoco from Fontanarossa International Airport got together to learn and understand the methods used by one another.

While the methods used to extract a person trapped in a car are different, the ideas are the same.

The day started with a quick classroom session to discuss how the mock extraction would happen, with the attendees from the three departments asking questions.

Then the real action started outside with the fire departments going full speed trying to remove their mock victim from the car, an old, rusted Fiat.

The amalgamated team of firemen, lead by Capt. Mario Signorello of the NASSIG Fire Department quickly hooked up hydraulic lines and hoses in preparation for the task at hand.

In what seemed like a few seconds the firemen had pried the doors open, put back and neck braces on the victim, and cut the roof supports to peel it back to extract the victim easier.

The biggest difference in the way the fire departments go about cutting a person free from a car accident is that the Americans are very practical and use method training to get faster, but they always put safety first said Antonino Anastasia, a shift supervisor for the Vigili del Fuoco. On the other hand he explained the Vigili del Fuoco are primarily worried about getting the patient out quickly.

"This may have looked chaotic, and in reality we have more control, but leading a group of fire fighters that have never worked together before is tough and they worked very well together," Signorello said.

Chief Guiseppe Rapisarda, of the Italian Air Force pointed out that they have the equipment to do this kind of extraction, but they don't have the experience.

"This is the kind of experience we need to get. We expect to improve our skills with this training."

Both Italians and the Americans are hop-



Photo by JO2 (SW) Brian Johnson

**NASSIG Fire Department, teamed up with the 41st Stormo and the Catania International Airport's rescue teams to get to know each others way of saving lives.**

**Above, one team uses hydrolic cutters to cut through the hood of a car, a process used to get to the victim at a quicker pace.**

**Below, the teams work together to access the damage to the victim while placing a neck and back brace to prevent further injury while the team work to remove the vehicle from the victim.**



Photo by JO2 (SW) Brian Johnson

ing to keep the lines of communication open and continue to train together often.

"This kind of training is mutually beneficial and we get more training for our money," said John Cupell, assistant chief of training for the Navy fire department. "We respond to a lot of auto accidents and so do the other fire departments and if we can help each other save a life then it's worth it."



Photo courtesy of Catania Tourist Office

**By Robert Szostek, USEUCOM Customs PAO**

**Mannheim, Germany**—Many European countries have a tradition of making nativity scenes at Christmas time. However, the natural products used to make them are often banned from import to the United States because of the agricultural pests that could be nested in them. Materials that are banned include pinecones, moss, bark and untreated straw.

Department of Agriculture officials say people sending nativity scenes that are produced using stripped wood, plastic, or commercially cleaned and lacquered straw are good to go. However, people can be fined \$100 and more if they mail scenes that contain moss, bark, pinecones, untreated straw or other materials found to contain insects.

Italy, for example, has a Christmas custom of recreating the nativity scene called *Presepe*. These representations contain miniature clay figures made by craftsmen for hundreds of years.

However, the figures are housed in a village setting made of natural bark decorated with peat moss. "The bark frame or the peat moss parts of *Presepi* can contain damaging insects or other pests," said Delcio Rivera, U.S. Department of Agriculture adviser to the European Command, "and are therefore prohibited from being imported into the United States." The figurines themselves pose no agricultural risk and can be sent or taken stateside.

For more information on this topic, please call DSN 381-7189/8320.

## Pest concerns ban some gifts to U.S.

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## Italian phrase of the week...

*Avete un menù speciale  
per bambini?*



*Do you have a special  
menu for children?*



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Nov. 25 - Dec. 1

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

Traffic accidents without injuries - 14

Traffic accident with injuries - 0

Car break-ins - 15

DUI - 1

DUI's 2002 - 33

DUI's 2001 - 33

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Direct Line

Capt. Tim Davison, NASSIG  
Commanding Officer



Freedom is not free.  
Tomorrow, some 61 years ago, Japan attacked us at Pearl Harbor with horrific and devastating results. It was a complete surprise. We had thousands of our past Shipmates killed, injured or missing. Nothing could have prepared them for what appeared to be a normal Sunday morning.  
Today, what is normal? We were caught off guard last year on September 11. Who would have thought that our nation could have fallen to another surprise attack? I surely didn't. We lost more Shipmates in Washington and in New York City.  
Every now and then, I get asked if we are back to normal. I think I can honestly say that we are as much as we can be. Our base is expanding through our 10-year recapitalization project at a rapid rate. Our kids are going to school and playing in sports. Some of our departments are hosting orphanages and old folk's homes for the holidays. We have new Shipmates and their families moving on the island every week. We are trying our best to get back to a sense of normalcy.  
We either are Americans on foreign soil or Italians working with our American friends. We must continue to stay alert when traveling out of our "normal" day living environment. Things can happen at a moment's notice. Even our Israeli allies suffered several attacks last week. Two of the attacks were in Kenya, which, of course, was not Israeli soil. We must always be aware of our surroundings and what is going on around us.  
George Carlin, the famous comedian once said, "well, if crime fighters fight crime and fire fighters fight fire, what do freedom fighters fight? They never mention that part to us, do they?"  
We are the "Hub of the Med." We do our job every day the best we way we can. Some even speculate that we will get even busier over the next few months and years. I don't know about that but I can say that we are much wiser and stronger than we were a year ago.  
As a nation, we are very strong in our resolve against the current threats against us and against our way of life. I feel privileged to live in a free society. I feel honored to be able to serve in this Navy and work with the NATO alliance and our host country Italy. And I am proud to be your CO.  
Freedom is a high commodity...one that I do not ever want to trade.

The Pulse

Exercise: The Right Move

By Lt. Cmdr. Janelle Rhoderick, USNH Sigonella Command Fitness Leader

Exercise is good for everyone. It affects how you feel, both physically and emotionally. The Surgeon General's recommendation for physical activity is to add about 30 minutes of moderate intensity activity each day ON TOP of your customary daily activities. This recommendation is designed to improve your health and it is backed by solid evidence that you WILL improve your well-being if you follow this guidance.

Exercise provides many benefits:

- Improves your overall health
- Boosts energy levels
- Improves blood cholesterol levels and prevents bone loss
- Reduces the risk of heart disease by improving blood circulation throughout the body
- Improves self-image
- Relieve the stress and boredom that may lead to overeating
- Improves the ability to fall asleep quickly and sleep well

Daily workouts can help prevent heart, lung, and circulatory diseases, improve muscle tone and circulation, reduce your weight, and help you feel better

Regular exercise is most beneficial. Walking, housework, jogging, biking, swimming, and stretching provide great benefits. Choose which one you like best and do it several times a week, not just once in a while. Do not expect improvements overnight. Gradually you will build an exercise routine and begin to see improvement. Remember, always check with your doctor before starting new physical activities.

How to play the Calorie Game?

According to *Taking the Fear Out of Eating: A Nutritionist's Guide to Sensible Food Choices* by John B. Allred, Ph.D, "If you want to lose weight, calories out need to exceed calories in".

So the first thing that you need to do is figure out how many calories you really need every day. Here's a formula many dietitians use. Multiply your weight by 10. Let's say you weigh 172 pounds. So, times 10, that would be 1,720. Now, honestly determine your level of activity. Are you a 3 (totally sedentary), a 5 (moderately active), or a 7 (very active)?

Take your activity number and multiply that by 100. Let's say you're a 3, so that's 300. Finally, add the 300 and 1,720, and your total calories per day should be no more than 2,020. Obviously, everyone has a different metabolism, so keep in mind this is just a rough guide. The real measure is what happens to your weight.

A look at an extraordinist

By JO2 Jay Price & MWR Marketing

Editor

The award-winning entertainer, nationally recognized speaker and author, Craig Karges puts on a show that bends the reality of the imagination.

Karges is an extraordinist who dazzles the mind and challenges his audiences to question what is real and what is impossible. With the use of his mind, he is able to make a table "walk" on stage and then fly through the air. He has taken finger rings from the audience members and links them together in a chain. He's even been known to make predictions that are verified.

Karges has made frequent guest appearances on national television shows such as the "Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Larry King Live," CNN Headline News, TNN, CNBC and E!. His success has also led him to star in his own TV special, "Experience the Extraordinary!"

He was also listed in Performance, an international touring talent weekly magazine, as one of the top five variety shows in the country. Also on that list were David Copperfield and Walt Disney's World on Ice. Performance called his show, "The next era in mystery entertainment."

"The presentation was excellent, marvelous, astounding, humorous and extremely entertaining. I took the chance to bring something really unique to Chautauqua that evening and [he] certainly gave us an amazing show," said Marty Merkly of Chautauqua, NY.

Karges first became popular while touring college campuses and was named Entertainer of the Year six times by the National Association for Campus activities and three times by Campus Activities magazine. In addition to Entertainer of the Year, he was named the most popular variety entertainer on the college circuit for twelve consecutive years as well as being named Best Male Performer and Best Performing Arts Attraction.

Karges says that he does not possess supernatural power, nor does he claim to perform as a psychic or magician. While he does acknowledge that he is an entertainer, and showmanship plays a role in what he does, he insists that he does not prearrange anything with member of the audience. Karges has a standing offer of \$100,000, payable to charity, if anyone can prove he uses stooges, confederate from the audience or hidden assistants to accomplish his demonstrations.

"Fantastic, unbelievable, amazing, incredible and of course extraordinary. I was never so impressed as I was with [his] amazing performance," said John Raymond, CEO of Encore Promotions, Montana. "The show catered to all ages, young and old, and it was clean. It's been months since your incredible show and I am still getting feedback on your performance."

Craig Karges Comes Here

You too can experience the extraordinary with Craig Karges. He will dazzle the mind, test intuition and mystify all. The show will be held at the NAS I theater and is free to the public. For more details call MWR at 624-5604.

KITCHEN KORNER

Cranberry-Orange Relish

By Bea Cook

Contributing writer

2 medium oranges

4 cups fresh cranberries (1 pound)

2 cups sugar

¼ cup finely chopped walnuts

With a vegetable peeler, remove the orange portion of the peel of one orange; set aside.

Completely peel and section both oranges. Using a food processor or blender with a coarse blade, grind reserved orange peel, orange sections, and cranberries. Stir in sugar and nuts. Chill for several hours or overnight before serving. Makes 3-1/2 cups.


S.A.F.

Dogs: 2

Cats: 0

Puppies: 2

Kittens: 2



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# From the Fleet



Navy photo by PH2 Shane T. McCoy

**At sea with USS Winston S. Churchill, Sept. 13, 2001 — USS Winston S. Churchill makes a high-speed run in the English Channel. The destroyer, based in Norfolk, Va., is making its first deployment to the United Kingdom and Norway. The Churchill is the only U.S. Navy vessel in active service named after a foreign dignitary. The ship is named in honor of Sir Winston Spencer Leonard Churchill (1874-1965), best known for his courageous leadership as the British Prime Minister during World War II. U.S.**

## Destroyers, a Century of Greatness

*From JO3 (SW/AW) Jennifer Zingalie  
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NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) —* One hundred years ago, on Nov. 24, a new class of ship was “born” into the fleet of the U.S. Navy.

This ship, USS Bainbridge (DD 1), along with eight sister ships, leaders of the class, were built to destroy powered torpedo boats (German U-boats). Throughout the years, destroyers have been fast, alert, lethal and resourceful. They have been involved in almost every naval conflict and continue to be essential to the Navy’s warfighting strategy.

“Destroyermen — a powerful term that includes so many generations, so many experiences — peacetime and war, both men and women,” said Vice Adm. J. Cutler Dawson, Commander 2nd Fleet, who served as guest speaker at last spring’s Destroyermen’s Ball.

Although the birth date of this class of ship has been celebrated for the entire year, the actual birthday of the destroyer is in the month of November and is remembered by those to whom its birth means the most, the men and women who serve aboard them.

“On a destroyer, the crew is small, so being capable and versatile in your job and as a Sailor is very important. We are mission-ready. Intense training to build these traits in each other is of utmost importance,” said Sonar Technician (Surface) Seaman James M. Hughes of USS Oscar Austin (DDG 79).

Today, there are two types of destroyers; Arleigh Burke-class and Spruance-class. Armed to respond with power and precision, the Spruance-class is used mainly for antisubmarine warfare, and the Arleigh Burke-class has a variety of combat capabilities. However, both serve in the protection of other ships in a battle group.

“Destroyers are ships that, when out to sea, constantly train. These exercises prepare us for any contingency, because we are ready for action at a moment’s notice,” said Mess Management Specialist 3rd Class James W. Towne of Oscar Austin.

The Navy continues to explore new and better ways to improve the fleet and is working to develop the 21st century’s next-generation destroyer, known as the DD(X). These ships are being de-

signed for multimissions in dealing with small boats, diesel submarines and mines in coastal waters. Like their predecessors, they will also fulfill the need of the Navy in combat and precision.

“I believe that destroyers have held high standards for the ships and Sailors alike since they were first commissioned, and always will,” said Hughes. “We as destroyermen have jobs to do, which can be dangerous and hard. We put ‘warheads on foreheads.’ Everything we do is built around fighting our ships. I think we have to uphold high standards.”

Adm. Arleigh A. Burke, one of the Navy’s greatest destroyermen, said in 1964: “...the already great strength of the Navy will be increased even more, and through it, we will respond more effectively to the challenges which confront our country.”

For related news, visit the Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet Navy NewsStand page at [www.news.navy.mil/local/surflant](http://www.news.navy.mil/local/surflant).

## Navy expected to implement new security processes

*By JO2 David Van Scoy  
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**CORONADO, Calif. (NNS) —** Using off-the-shelf commercial technology, Naval Air Station North Island (NASNI), Calif., tested an electronic identification system for base access, dubbed “Smart Gate,” last week with the hopes of easing the manpower needed for present security measures without jeopardizing the integrity of its assets.

According to Lt. Larry Lakeotes, NASNI’s test bed coordinator, the base, and even the entire Navy, may begin to see a substantial change in security processes as early as January 2003.

“Smart Gate is a directive we have been given by the Chief of Naval Operations to do three things,” said Carlton Moorefield, a security engineer for the Naval Criminal Investigative Service/ N34, “increase security, reduce manpower and reduce inconvenience.”

The unique thing about Smart Gate is it can be manned or unmanned.

In the unmanned setting, it is designed to allow access to only those who have a special decal for their vehicle and a proper identification card. Upon approaching the gate, a bar code reader scans the decal. The obtained information is sent to a central database where authorization is verified. Once vehicle verification is complete, a gate arm will raise, and the service member or Department of Defense employee is allowed to advance to another reader where the same process is repeated using the member’s ID card. If verification is acknowledged, another gate arm raises, and the person is granted access to the base.

Vehicles without decals, such as delivery

trucks, would be required to enter the base through the fully manned main gate.

“The only thing which offers delay are the actual mechanics of presenting a card or the arms going up or down,” said Moorfield. “The actual verification is instantaneous.”

What does this mean to NASNI Sailors, employees and to the citizens of Coronado?

Lakeotes thinks Smart Gate will help lighten traffic in the city because of the ability to get vehicles through the front gates in a more expedient manner.

“The flow-rate of traffic through Smart Gate should be able to handle half-peak rush hour,” said Lakeotes. “If the arms (are programmed to) stay up and cars flow through, they can go between 10 to 15 miles an hour and have everything read exactly.”

In the manned scenario, the security person on duty would be allowed to check IDs manually using a personal data assistant (PDA). Moorefield referred to the PDA as “kind of a palm pilot on steroids.” The PDA does the same thing the other readers do, but adds a human perspective, he said.

Smart Gate can go completely unmanned, but Lakeotes said at least one security person would be on duty at all times in the event the gate breaks or someone needs help with the system.

Although Smart Gate could employ a much smaller security force, Moorefield said security would be largely increased.

“If you come through the unmanned lane,” said Moorefield, “you would have to have not only the badge, but you would also have to have the vehicle (decal), validating both in order to get on base. In addition to that, we’re also storing video images.”

For intruders who may decide to run the gate, Lakeotes said hydraulic bollards would be in place and ready to deploy in less than a half of a second to deny access to “a vehicle that has four wheels all the way up to semi-trucks.”

Using Smart Gate technology won’t end at the front gate. Moorfield said Smart Gate technology could be used to gain access to one’s workplace.

“You have a large population which is allowed through the front gate, and a much smaller sub-population which would be allowed on a flight line or on to the brow of a ship,” said Moorefield.

USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) has also been testing Smart Gate technology. Lt. j.g. Mark Kaes, the security officer aboard Stennis, seems to be impressed.

“We wanted something to validate whether or not a Sailor was attached to Stennis, whether they were in a restricted status or liberty status, and give

us a real quick pass/fail criteria read.”

Moorefield said the use of biometrics, the scanning of one’s face or fingerprints, is also an option the Navy has been exploring, but would probably only be used to gain access to more secure areas inside the base.

Even without the use of something as high-tech as biometrics at the front gate, Moorefield seems confident about the security of the Smart Gate system.

“You’re not going to get on our base unless you are in our database and have been validated...to be on this base to do a service,” he said.

**Misawa, Japan, Oct. 25 — MASA Anthony Fierro from Las Vegas, Nev., and MASN Jason Montgomery check a Sailor’s military identification at one of many security posts aboard the station.**



Photo by PH2 John Collins



## Postal Help

In an effort to better service Post Office customers and utilize current technology, NAS Sigonella and Naval Station Rota Spain have been selected as test sites for automated mail sorting. All personnel receiving mail via either test site must insure they utilize their five digit Zip Code and plus four (plus four = your individual box number). If you have a three digit box number, insert a 0 prior to your box number making it a plus four number, example:

Rank/Rate John Doe  
PSC 812 BOX 312  
FPO AE 09627-0312

## Santa’s Helpers

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is having its annual Santa’s Helpers at the Nearly New Shop, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for children and 1 to 2 p.m. for adults. Your children can come to the Nearly New Shop and pick out a gift for their loved ones for only .25 per item. Santa’s Helpers will be there to assist young shoppers and help wrap their special gifts. Also, between 10 and 11 a.m., both a lucky boy and girl will win a prize. Refreshments and drinks for all who participate. If you are interested in volunteering to be Santa’s Helper or for more information, please call NMCRS at 624-4212.

## Jingle All The Way-a-Thon

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the elementary and middle school students of Stephen Decatur will have the opportunity to participate in the Jingle All the Way Walk-a-Thon! Students will bring home information and pledge sheets. Student will get pledges for every 1/4 mile segment that they can walk. Be looking for the detailed information to come home and help your child get pledges. Encourage them to walk, walk, walk on Dec. 10. If you can volunteer on that day to help around the course, please e-mail the PTSA at [sdsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sdsptsa@yahoo.com). We appreciate your support!

## Santa Visits

Invite Santa to your establishment. Will come to command parties for free, call 347-9281522 or 340-0537618.

## Vita Tax Volunteers Needed

The Naval Legal Services Office (NLSO) is looking for volunteers to help Sigonellans file their taxes. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) needs active duty members and civilians interested in providing the economic benefits of free tax preparation and filing to shipmates. Interested persons can either sign up at NLSO at 624-5258.

## Help Your Child

You can help your child who attends Stephen Decatur Elementary, Middle, or Secondary schools simply by joining the Parent Teacher Student Association this year. The PTSA is totally dedicated to supporting your child in our schools. Currently, the classes are in competition to see which can get the most parents to join, and any class that gets 100 percent participation earns a pizza party. Help your child and join the PTSA today. The cost is \$5 per parent. Membership forms were sent home, but if you need another form, check with your child’s teacher or e-mail the PTSA at [sdsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sdsptsa@yahoo.com).

## Flu Immunizations Schedule

Flu immunizations will be available on a walk-in basis for all active duty members at the immunization clinics on NAS I and II from Dec. 2 to 5. Family members and civilians may receive flu vaccinations at the NAS I immunization clinic beginning Dec. 9. For more information, call the Preventive Medicine Department at 624-6231.

## Grand Opening of Da Michele’s and Lava Lounge

MWR is pleased to announce the grand opening of Da Michele’s, a cafeteria-style restaurant on NAS II, and the Lava Lounge, a lounge for officers and civilians GS-7 and above. The ribbon-cutting ceremony is open to the entire community and will take place in December with light refreshments.

## MWR Correction

One of the winners of the “Holiday on the High Seas” contest were incorrectly identified. The winners are HM2 Geoffrey Busscher, wife Liz and son Tyler. MWR regrets the error and would like to again congratulate the Busscher family.

### Team Detailing!

Don’t be afraid of the detailer- they’re Sailors too! The detailers WANT to hear from the Sailors either by phone, email or TEAM DETAILING! This is a direct “email” type version of correspondence thru the Super JASS system. Member’s names will show on Team Detailing at their 13 month mark from their PRD- Plenty of time to start negotiating with the detailer before their 9 month window.

Visit your Dept./Command CC to update your Team Detailing.





	Friday, Dec. 6	Saturday, Dec. 7	Sunday, Dec. 8	Monday, Dec. 9	Tuesday, Dec. 10	Wednesday, Dec. 11	Thursday, Dec. 12	
Week at a glance								Week at a glance

For information on community events call MIIB at 624-5211.

## HOROSCOPES

**ARIES:** You may get upset with peers or relatives. Take care of any paperwork concerning institutional or governmental agencies. Don't shy away from potential mates they want to introduce you to. Let them know what your intentions are.

**TAURUS:** Things may not be as harmonious as you would like with colleagues or employers this week. Things are looking up. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Your best gains will come through helping others emotionally.

**GEMINI:** Put all your energy into moneymaking ventures. You can find out important information if you listen to friends and relatives. Use your quick wit to win points with friends. Don't trust others with private information that could be used against you.

**CANCER:** Try to get others to stand behind your good judgment. You will impress new friends and acquaintances with your intellectual wit. Get ready to do some fancy footwork when it comes to taking care of your financial situation. Try to find another time to present work or ideas this week.

**LEO:** You can enjoy doing things that include children. You can meet potential new mates, but make sure that they aren't already committed to someone else. You can solidify your relationship (if you have one) if you plan a special evening with your mate. Don't be afraid of opposition; your suggestions are valid.

**VIRGO:** A day out may satisfy the whole family. Use your high energy and dynamic approach to win favors from superiors. Romance could be exciting if you are spontaneous. A quiet restful day some day this week, just staying in bed or catching up on reading will be your best bet at revitalizing yourself.

**LIBRA:** You will get out of shape easily if you don't keep on top of things. Someone you least expect may not have your best interests at heart. Don't make large purchases unless you have discussed your choices with your mate.

**SCORPIO:** Try not to allow superiors or those in a higher position to take advantage of you. Unexpected events may be upsetting. You are best to get out of the house this week. You're likely to encounter new partners if you take short trips.

**SAGITTARIUS:** This is a great day to mingle with people you would like to impress. You can look around for the right place and enlist some of your friends to help you move. Travel will be enjoyable but could be expensive.

**CAPRICORN:** You may want to take a trip; however, before you do, make sure that your car is serviced properly. You can make money if you concentrate on producing services or goods that will make domestic chores easier. You need to get out and have some fun to reduce tension. Think twice before eating spicy foods; you may have problems with your stomach.

**AQUARIUS:** Travel should open doors that lead to exciting new adventures. Uncertainty regarding your mate may emerge; reevaluate what you see in each other. Be extra careful with your valuables; loss and theft are evident this week. You will be extremely sentimental, and if pushed by others you may hold a lasting grudge.

**PISCES:** If you haven't planned a vacation, then at least try to get away for the weekend. Things aren't as they appear. Real estate and joint financial ventures will be profitable. You can have a great time if you go out with the one you love.



## THE MOVIE CONNECTION



### Theater Schedule

#### Friday, Dec. 6

5:30 p.m.: Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13) \*\*  
8 p.m.: Red Dragon (R)

10 p.m.: Die Another Day (PG-13) \*\*

#### Saturday, Dec. 7

11 a.m.: Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G) \*\*  
2 p.m.: The Santa Clause II (G)  
4:30 p.m.: The Tuxedo (PG-13)  
7 p.m.: The Transporter (PG-13) \*\*  
9:30 p.m.: Barbershop (PG-13)

#### Sunday, Dec. 8

1 p.m.: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)  
4 p.m.: Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G)  
6 p.m.: Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)

#### Monday, Dec. 9

5:30 p.m.: The Banger Sisters (R) \*  
8 p.m.: Trapped (R)

#### Tuesday, Dec. 10

6 p.m.: Craig Karges Extraordinist Show  
9 p.m.: Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)

#### Wednesday, Dec. 11

5:30 p.m.: The Santa Clause II (G)  
8 p.m.: The Transporter (PG-13)

#### Thursday, Dec. 12

5:30 p.m.: The Four Feathers (PG-13) \*  
8 p.m.: The Tuxedo (PG-13)

#### Friday, Dec. 13

5:30 p.m.: Barbershop (PG-13)  
8 p.m.: Knock Around Guys (R) \*\*  
10 p.m.: Red Dragon (R)

#### Saturday, Dec. 14

11 a.m.: Treasure Planet (PG) \*\*  
2 p.m.: Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (PG)  
5 p.m.: White Oleander (PG-13) \*\*  
7:30 p.m.: Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)  
10 p.m.: Barbershop (PG-13)

#### Sunday, Dec. 15

1 p.m.: Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie (G)  
3:30 p.m.: Tuck Everlasting (PG) \*\*  
6 p.m.: Die Another Day (PG-13)

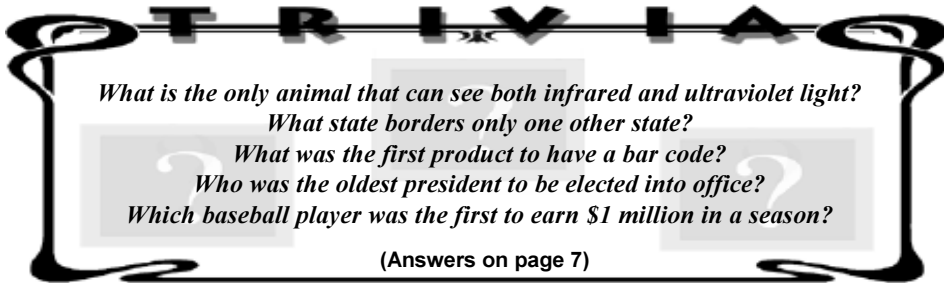
\*\*\* Future Re-release \*\*Sneak Preview \*Last Showing, (PNO- no children admitted)  
(All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at 624-4248).

#### Die Another Day (PG-13)

The twentieth installment of the super spy adventure series, James Bond circles the globe to unmask a traitor and prevent a catastrophic war. Of course, he crosses paths with a couple of beautiful women who play vital roles in adventure. Starring Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Judi Dench and John Cleese.

#### Sweet Home Alabama (PG-13)

A New York fashion designer suddenly finds herself engaged to the city's most eligible bachelor! But her past holds many secrets, including the redneck husband she's got back home who refuses to give her a divorce. Bound and determined to end their contentious relationship, she sneaks home to Alabama to confront her past, only to discover that you can take the girl out of the south, but you can't take the south out of the girl. Starring Reese Witherspoon, Fred Ward, Mary Kay Place and Patrick Dempsey.



What is the only animal that can see both infrared and ultraviolet light?

What state borders only one other state?

What was the first product to have a bar code?

Who was the oldest president to be elected into office?

Which baseball player was the first to earn \$1 million in a season?

(Answers on page 7)

### Best Sellers-- DVD Boxed Sets



**Band of Brothers**  
**The Simpsons Complete Second Season**  
**Lord of the Rings Platinum Edition**  
**James Bond 007 Special Edition**  
**Back to the Future Complete Trilogy**



## They did what?

### Where's the mall?

An escapee was caught by making a dreadfully wrong turn. The resident found himself trapped in the lobby of a prison as he was fleeing authorities. He was leading police on a car chase from Suffield and Windsor Locks, when he abruptly pulled into the parking lot of the MacDougall Correctional Institution, a high-security state prison located in Suffield, Conn. McKenzie leapt from his car and sped into the front lobby, where he was trapped by automatic doors that closed and locked behind him. Police say McKenzie apparently thought the building was a shopping mall. Some days nothing seems to go right.

## Off the Rack!

### Men in Black II

The men are back and with the same skills as before. Agent J (Will Smith) starts working as a one man agent to stop the plight of terrorist aliens until one of outer space's darkest revisits earth looking to destroy the earth unless Agent K (Tommy Lee Jones) can bring her the "light."

Now J must bring his retired partner back and restore his memory in this rather long chase so the duo can save the world, yet again.

The movie seemed as real and alive as the first, but didn't show anything new and awe aspiring. J's bad attitude is worse and the jokes turned into visual puns that could have turned out a little better. In one scene, J tells an alien that he looks like crap and the camera then turns to an alien that looks like the natural state of crap. A little more time and I'm sure the jokes could have gotten better.

The first movie was more action than romance, when K was always looking at his love through a satellite link, and this one is more sappy than action, even bad attitude J breaks his hard shell for a girl he just met. Action is another thing; the action mainly took place in three different areas in the movie, not a continuous flow of chair gripping excitement. The worst action sequence was with J and a monster that had no tie to the movie, no compelling rivalry, just a lot of graphics and Matrix stunts.

Most sequels in my opinion are worse than the original, but that is because we expect more from the writers and producers who were able to make the first one such a success that we would want to see another.

MIIB is an awesome movie to watch, but would not have a leg to stand on if it didn't have the first to back it up. Be sure to watch the movie on DVD because the bloopers seemed funnier than the movie itself. No pun intended.

By JO2 Jay Price



By Alberto Lunetta  
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# Italian News

## SICILIAN CULTURE AND LIFESTYLE

### Sigonella participates in Carabinieri patron festival

Recently, NASSIG Commanding Officer Captain Timothy Davison and Col. Giorgio Russo, the Sigonella and 41<sup>st</sup> Stormo Commanding Officer attended the celebrations of the Carabinieri patron saint “Virgo Fidelis” (Faithful Virgin Mary) and the Battle of Culqualber.

Celebrations took place in Catania and started with an exhibition dedicated to the memory of brigadier Salvo D’Acquisto, a heroic Carabinieri who was shot by the Nazis in Palidoro, near Rome in 1943.

The exhibition was set up at the Museo Diocesano (Museum of the Catania Bishop) that is located in Elephant Square between the Cathedral and the Uzeda Gate. As 22 innocent citizens were going to be executed as retaliation for the death of a German soldier caused by the explosion of a bomb, D’Acquisto traded his life to save theirs. He tried to convince the Nazis that it was an accidental explosion and not a partisan attack as the blast occurred during an inspection in a deserted Guardia di Finanza station. But the Germans did not believe him.

Thus, he falsely claimed guilt, this way saving the innocent citizens, and was shot for the offense. He was only 23 years old. D’Acquisto is regarded as a role-model. After the exhibition, a solemn holy mass was held at the Catania Cathedral.

Celebrations also commemorated the glorious WWII battle of Culqualber (Ethiopia - Aug. 6 through Nov. 21, 1941) during which a Royal Carabinieri Battalion showed rare courage and tremendous spirit.

Even though they ran out of ammunition, these Carabinieri fiercely resisted till the end against the prevailing British troops.

### Music festival in Belpasso

Plan to attend the *Sixth Lennon Festival* to enjoy some great musical performances featuring over 30 between emerging Italian and European singer-songwriters and bands. The festival will be held on Dec.6 and 7 at 8:30 p.m. at the *Teatro Comunale “Nino Martoglio”* (City Theatre) that is located in via XII Traversa in Belpasso. Admission is free.

### Italian school visit Sigonella

“I want to join the Navy so I can sail around the world,” this was a comment from one of the 20 students, belonging to a Catania middle school (Istituto “Angelo Musco”), who recently visited Sigonella.

The students had the opportunity to learn more about the base’s mission and some of its departments and tenant commands. The group received a guided tour of the Fire Department, HC-4 and Security military working dogs. Students were treated to a visit of the imposing MH-53E helicopter. They were also able to see a firefighters protective gear and watch the use of fire extinguishers and fire trucks on the runway while learning about fire equipment and safety procedures.

Security Military working dogs also put on a show featuring basic obedience, dog escort, obstacle course and pressing and attack.

“Kids were really excited to participate in the tour. They woke up at five this morning. Before departing for the field trip, some students told me they never met an American and asked me if it was possible to shake their hands,” said Tiziana Motta, one of the accompanying teachers.

As part of a continuous effort to improve our community relations programs and to enhance a positive base image with the host nation, the Public Affairs Office has recently begun again facilitating base tours of NAS 2 facilities for Italian



Photo by Lt. Steve Curry

**Recently, Sigonella offered the first base tour to an Italian school after 9/11. Students were given an opportunity to find out first-hand about the base mission. Two display stations were set up at HC-4 Squadron and Fire Department. Security Military working dogs also put on a show featuring obedience, obstacle course and pressing and attack.**

schools, social groups, distinguished visitors, and volunteer associations. Typically, tours include visits to HC-4, VP-16, Fire Department and military working dogs. Tours should also include lunch at Burger King or the Galley.

It is our policy to accommodate as many requests as operationally possible. Schools are usually hosted during the school day from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. while some groups are hosted on Sundays. If you receive any request, please refer it to the Public Affairs Office.

All requests for tours need to be made in writing and will be also submitted to the Italian Air Force PAO for approval and base clearance.

For more information regarding tours please contact Mr. Alberto Lunetta, Deputy PAO at 624-5440.